

Effective July 1, 2006, in conformance with the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is promulgating rules to document the citizenship and identity of all persons declaring United States citizenship who are applying for or receiving Medical Assistance (including RIte Care). Medical Assistance may be denied for noncompliance with this regulation.

In the development of the rules and regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information. The health, safety and welfare of the public precludes any economic impact that may be incurred as a result of these regulations.